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Dear Paul,

Until your airmail card postmarked Saturday arrived today, I did not know all of page 96 was bad. The copy I sent you yesterday will not be suitable for reproduction. I have made another, overexposing it so that the letters will be blacker. This, of course, introduces a certain amount of gray throughout. In turn, this may also make it unsuitable for reproduction. I do not know.

I cannot, now, take the original page to a xerox machine, nor can I do it tomorrow, when I have to go to Washington for medical testing that will take most of the day.

Let me make this suggestion: if the enclosed is not suitable, meaning for the present and for the future, I'll get you a good copy as soon as I can. But for the present, leave this page out of what you copy, let me know, and I'll replace it here, then send it.

I appreciate your offer to send itdirect. Ordinarily, that would save me time and money. But the same man is getting more, and they will all travel better with the other copies to reinforce each. I also want to send him all he is getting at one time.

I have just gotten something I didn't ask for from N.O. While I'd have preferred getting what I did ask for, I take this as a good sign, as a friendly indication. I will not get to read these things until tonight. However, I recognize one of them, a transcription of a phone conversation I had with someon one I asked to check into a former Klansman who offered me material about the Klan and the FBI's immediate interest in it, in California, at the moment of the assassination. This guy said he had tapes. He also wanted money, which we did not have. I tell you in case you have any interest in this. The guy wrote me after hearing me on the air, as I recall.

I think (but I'm not certain) this guy, besides being a Klansman, was also an FBI fink. So, he has what he gave them.

I'm very sorry I did not fully understand about PM 96.

If you find the letter to Rowley more legible, I have been given a box of tissue with attached carbon. I'm using it for such purposes. We'll see if it also improves my luck.

Sincerely,